(b) the sectors of industry to which the SEZs sanctioned for Vidarbha region in Maharashtra belong to; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for the development of those sectors?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) In Maharashtra, 88 formal approvals have been granted under the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Act, 2005, out of which 7 Approvals are for setting up of SEZs in Vidarbha region. Formal approvals granted in Vidarbha region are for setting up of: two Multi product SEZs; Two textile SEZs; one Power generation SEZ; one Agro processing SEZ and one IT/ITES SEZ.

(c) The SEZ Rules specifically provide that the letter of approval granted to a Developer shall be valid for a period of three years, within which time effective steps shall be taken by the Developer to implement the project. Out of the seven formal approvals granted for setting up of SEZs in Vidarbha region, one multi product SEZ to be set up by the Maharashtra Airport Development Company Limited (MADC) in Mihan, Nagpur and one Textile SEZ to be set up by Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation in Yavatmal have been notified. Investments in the SEZs are made by the Developers and co-Developers, which can be State Government undertakings, their joint ventures and/or private persons as per the provisions of the SEZ Act. SEZ Act provides for single window clearance mechanism for the Developer and the Units, simplified procedures and fiscal incentives for the SEZ Developers and units.

Attack on North Indians in Maharashtra

*29. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) and its leader have recently launched a vicious campaign and attack on 'North Indians' living in Mumbai and other cities in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of people injured as a result of upprovoked attacks by MNS;

(c) whether it is also a fact that leader of MNS has not been arrested as yet despite the fact that F.I.R. was registered against him for encouraging attacks on North Indians and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any direction was issued to the Maharashtra Government to bring the culprits to book and, if so, with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) According to available information, in the wake of efforts by some activists of the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) to create disturbances in a political rally in Mumbai on 3rd February, 2008, a number of incidents of demonstrations,

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

burning of effigies of political leaders, pelting of stones on/damage to buses and other vehicles, and damage to private and public properties took place in Mumbai and some other parts of Maharashtra during the first to third weeks of February, 2008. According to the State Government, there was 336 incidents during this period, of which there were 8 incidents of assault on North Indian labourers/workers and some cases of damage to property like shops, stalls, handcarts, etc., in which 8-10 persons are reported to have been injured.

(c) A case under Sections 153 (A) and (B) and 117 IPC has been registered against Shri Raj Thackeray, Presidents of Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) and he was arrested on 13.2.2008 and produced in the Court, which granted him bail.

(d) The Ministry of Home Affairs had remained in touch with the State Government and asked them to take all necessary measures to maintain peace and normalcy in the State and take firm action against elements indulging in any kind of violence or illegal activities. 13 Coys of additional Central Para-Military forces were also provided to the State Government.The State Government has informed that prompt and firm action was taken against the culprits, and 1575 persons were arrested for substantive offences in addition to preventive action against 5159 persons. Effective deployment of the Police and security arrangements have been made to prevent any untoward incident and build confidence and a sense of security among all section of the people.

Rising crimes against women

*30. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest crime statistics reportedly released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) have shown that every hour 18 women became victims of crime and more than 7,618 women were killed for dowry alone and that Delhi topped the list of crime against women with 4,134 cases in 2006.

(b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise including crime against foreign tourists; and

(c) the preventive measures to far taken by Centre, in consultation with the State Governments, to save India's image as well as damage to the tourism industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a)Yes, Sir. As per the data compiled by the NCRB the total number of cases of crime and crime rate against women reported during 2004-06 are as follows:

Year	Total number of cases	Crime rate (incidence per one lakh of population)
2004	154333	14.2
2005	155553	14.1
2006	164765	14.7